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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SRV VICE FONMIN PHAN HIEN TO NEW ZEALAND

REF: USS HAROLD E. HOLT DTG 071310Z JULY 78 (NOTAL)

1. ASIAN DIVISION SOURCE AT MFA ADVISED EMBOFF JULY 10
THAT GNZ HAD ALSO RECEIVED A "VERY SHORT NOTICE REQUEST"
IN EARLY JULY FOR JULY 20-25 VISIT OF SRV VICE FONMIN
PHAN HIEN. REQUEST CAME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE TO
GNZ INASMUCH AS NEW SRV AMBASSADOR NGUYEN BA BAO HAD
ADVISED MFA AS RECENTLY AS THE MIDDLE OF JUNE THAT
PHAN HIEN WOULD BE UNABLE TO VISIT NZ BEFORE 1979.

2. IN REQUESTING PHAN HIEN VISIT, SRV ADVISED MFA THAT
HIEN WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING SRV-NZ ECONOMIC
COOPERATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS. MFA OFFICIALS, HOW-
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EVER, BELIEVE TRUE PURPOSE IS TO EXPLAIN SRV VIEW OF
ITS DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH PRC AND CAMBODIA.
NZ OFFICIALS HAVE EVEN SPECULATED THAT PHAN HIEN WILL
SUGGEST NZ USE ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA TO HELP BRING
ABOUT IMPROVED SRV-CHINA UNDERSTANDING. SHOULD SUCH A
SUGGESTION FOR A COURIER ROLE BE MADE, SOURCE SAID GNZ
WOULD POLITELY REFUSE.

3. PHAN HIEN'S PROGRAM FOR FIVE-DAY NZ VISIT INCLUDES:
OFFICIAL MEETINGS JULY 21 IN WELLINGTON WITH PRIMIN
MULDOON AND FONMIN TALBOYS, AND EVENING SOCIAL FUNCTION
HOSTED BY PRIMIN. REMAINDER OF VISIT WILL BE ESSENTIALLY
SIGHTSEEING IN AUCKLAND AND IN GEOTHERMAL REGION OF
NZ NEAR ROTORUA. A SIDE TRIP WILL INCLUDE VISIT TO
PALMERSTON NORTH FOR EXAMINATION OF EXPERIMENTAL DAIRYING
TECHNIQUES IN WHICH PHAN HIEN REPORTEDLY HAS INTEREST.
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